

Requirement of MBBS Doctors

3340. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of MBBS doctors required in the country during Eighth Five Year Plan and the number of doctors working in various States at present;

(b) the number of doctors out of them who have joined rural health service;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to fill up the gap between the availability and requirement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the steps proposed to be taken to ensure adequate availability of doctors in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No such survey has been done. However, the doctor-population ratio for allopathic doctors is about 1:2250 and taking into account the number of qualified practitioners of Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy the said ratio comes to 1:950 is considered fairly good in comparison to other developing countries.

(b) As per information available, 26930 doctors were working as on 30.6.1996 in Primary Health Centres in rural areas.

(c) and (d) The State/UT Governments have been advised to consider introducing regional decentralised recruitment policy for doctors for filling up vacancies of doctors in rural areas and reserving a certain percentage of post graduate seats for Medical Officers who have put in two to three years service in rural areas.

Construction of Dams

3341. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to monitor the construction of dams in the States by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the modus operandi to be adopted in this regard; and

(c) the time from which the same would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Most of the ongoing approved major and selected medium projects are being monitored by Central Water Commission. The projects are visited at regular intervals by the Officers of Central Water Commission to review programme and progress of various project components. The remedial measures for shortfalls and constraints are suggested. Detailed

Project Status Reports highlighting the critical issues needing the attention of State Governments are prepared and sent to all concerned.

Setting up of Private Universities

3342. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the State Ministers was held in February, 1997 to consider the entry of private sector in the setting up of universities;

(b) if so, the names of the States which were represented in the above meeting; and

(c) the salient features of the opinions expressed by the various State Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c) A meeting of the State Ministers for Technical and Higher Education was held on 11th February, 1997. The Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Bill, 1995, which was introduced in Rajya Sabha on August 25, 1995 along with the Report of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development on the said Bill was discussed. Most of the Ministers were of the opinion that a wider debate is needed on the subject.

2. The list of the States represented is shown in the statement enclosed.

Statement

List of States which were Represented in the Meeting of Ministers held on February 11, 1997.

S.No.	Name of the State/Union Territory
1	2

STATES

1. Assam
2. Andhra Pradesh
3. Arunachal Pradesh
4. Bihar
5. Haryana
6. Himachal Pradesh
7. Goa
8. Gujarat
9. Karnataka
10. Kerala
11. Maharashtra
12. Madhya Pradesh
13. Manipur
14. Mizoram

1	2
15.	Nagaland
16.	Orissa
17.	Rajasthan
18.	Sikkim
19.	Tamil Nadu
20.	Uttar Pradesh
21.	West Bengal
UNION TERRITORIES	
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands
2.	Chandigarh
3.	Delhi
4.	Pondicherry

Sports Policy

3343. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Sports Policy is adrift, with no accountability" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated November 19, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item deals generally with the alleged ills of sports management in the country.

(c) The Government is aware of the need to have accountability in sports management and co-ordinated approach by all Sports Developmental agencies. There is already a proposal to reformulate the existing National Sports Policy to make it result oriented.

[Translation]

Grant given to Jamia Millia University

3344. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of grant given by the Government to Jamia Millia University during each of the last three years;

(b) the other sources from which Jamia Millia University is getting the funds; and

(c) the amount received from such sources during the above period, source-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Test Tube Baby

3345. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated February 19, 1997 under the caption "Test Tube Baby, now 18 is ready to talk";

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government and facts thereof;

(c) whether any action-plan has been drawn to carry forward a research on the findings of the late lamented scientist-physician;

(d) if so, whether propagation of the system might brighten the scope of family planning in the country; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the matter involved ethical and legal issues also, necessary detailed guidelines involving all related issues including technical, scientific, legal and ethical issues are under preparation.

(c) Research in the field of assisted reproductive technologies is already in an advanced stage in comparison to what had been achieved by the scientist/physician (who is no more). Specific action plan, Lower, shall be formulated after finalisation of the necessary guidelines.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The propagation of assisted reproductive technologies may help the family planning programme as the people have a positive perception of family planning necessity and come forward for availing the family planning services.

[Translation]

World Bank Assistance

3346. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :
SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hospitals modernised and expanded in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat during the Eighth Five Year Plan;